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In accordance with the Notice, the surcharge fee required for the Declaration is estimated to be \$130.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes. 'e Molaro 25-

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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